Title: Need to advise the Government of Karnataka to release more water of River Krishna to save the standing crops in Andhra Pradesh.

DR. MANDA JAGANNATH (NAGAR KURNOOL): Sir, the farmers of Andhra Pradesh are facing harrowing times owing to the failure of monsoon this year in Andhra Pradesh. Certain districts are facing unprecedented drought since there is no rainfall for the last one month. Seed-based paddy crops are withering due to lack of water. July and August months are the peak season for agricultural activities, but in view of drought situation, there is no activity for farmers. The water level in the Krishna and other rivers are at so low level that the fields cannot be irrigated through reservoirs. If such situation continues, the farmers cannot raise their crops, and famine will prevail.

I, therefore, urge the Union Government to advise the Karnataka Government to release more water of the River Krishna to save the crops of Andhra Pradesh and come to the rescue of the Andhra Pradesh farmers' plight who are very much agitated due to lack of water from Almatti Dam for Andhra Pradesh.

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